

**CITY OF KANKAKEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Reverend Ed Kannapel from the Gift of God Street Church and go on to the Pledge of Allegiance by the Eastside Bulldogs Pee-Wee Team.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CARL RANDLE SR:**

I am Mr. Carl Anthony Randle Sr. I was born and raised in the City, educated in this City schools and college. I was employed by the City. I had been employed with the City 32 years 11 months retired me against me will while I was on a medical appeal for carpal tunnel case. If you check my record, all of my evaluations are excellent. When I came to work I came to work, I didn't hide or do any of that. I have done a very good job for this City. The job I have did was a money-making job for the City if you check the records. The City sent me a letter dated November 8<sup>th</sup> 2019. I received it November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I was told by the HR person that the layer told him to send the letter to me. I am currently out because of the back surgery I had August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and yet under the doctors...which is in...IMRF Disability. IMRF Disability always wants a return date from the doctor which he said is probably in February. After 4 months of being off the City cancelled my insurance, I had to use some of my sick time before my IMRF Disability kicked in which I received \$10.00 a month. I know of a case in the Lab where a young lady took an early maternity leave. Her leave time was out and they sent her a letter giving her an opportunity of a date to come back and if she could not come back on that date she will be unemployed. Well I did not get a letter of such. I have a letter with me today that they sent to me and the HR person said the layer told him to send it. That's what he told me. It looks like there is no fairness in this situation. I got nothing of the sort. I came tonight to let you all and the citizens know what you have done to me and how you all have treated me in spite of my dedication to this City. When it came to sick time...I had to take sick and vacation time to keep from losing it because I was just that dedicated

worker. There used to be two guys that did the job I do but when he retired, I became the only one to do it. I have had shoulder surgery because of this job here. They fought my back surgery and said it's not job related which remains to be scene because that is being fought. HR said to me he looked at me age and said you are going to receive a fat check. What does that have to do with anything? I told him there is a lady down there 70 plus years old and still working. So, what me being 66 have to do with anything. That's what they said to me. I just wanted you all to know how they have treated me after doing such a good job. My record speaks for itself! I was going to retire until things happened to me. I returned from vacation and they said Carl this is your replacement. I know my job and the Acting Superintendent had to go with me to find out what I do on my job. I should have been in the hiring process or selection process but they waited until I went on vacation to select someone. I have been treated worse than a step child or an orphan and I wanted you all to know how I feel about that.

**ROBERT S. ELLINGTON SNIPES:** Often times when the City of Kankakee there were more murders happening in the 18<sup>th</sup> District. I made a conscientious effort that anybody that shot a gun in the 18<sup>th</sup> District and was caught I would be at the sentencing and certainly I have. I have asked the judge for the maximum sentence they can impose to never be back on the street again. I sent a strong message to elected officials that...back in the day when we took things a little more seriously people coming into the city acting and kind of way. We talked to them and let them know that we don't have any problem putting you behind bars. At that time, I was working for the Department of Corrections so I would see them on the other side. These kids with guns, no FOID Card because they are not old enough to get one or they have a background that prevents them from getting one, we need to handle them at the fullest extent of the law. I want the Council Members to get a hold of Jim Rowe...of these hearings. We need to show up and say we don't want them back on the street...if it is not self-defense, they need to be behind bars without the possibility of parole. A young girl that was here went to Texas came back and was looking for a job. She told me all the good things she was doing. Less than 2 days later she was going to a job interview and she was shot down by the school. LCC is not even a block away from my house. These kids are going to have to learn

that if they are going to take the responsibility of carrying a weapon...every Council member...I sure will as a County member...I want to go on the record saying, I don't want them back on the streets.

**ALYSHA BASEL:**

I am here representing the Kankakee Advisory Youth Council and the Kankakee County Health Department regarding cannabis dispensary in Kankakee. I want to touch on the Communities that have already opted out. These include: DuPage County, Libertyville, Lisle, Plainfield, Morton, Wilmington, Bloomingdale, Mokena and Naperville to name a few. Many are known to be affluent or prosperous which any community would want to be known for. Mokena Village Administrator chose to opt out To maintain the overall health and welfare of the Village...70 percent of Colorado, 70 percent of Michigan and 78 percent of California do not allow dispensaries. Reasons for opting out include: the negative impact on school performance, the decrease in public safety. I asked that you take these points into consideration over the next few weeks. I would also like for you to consider how Kankakee County chose unincorporated areas to not allow dispensaries either.

**REV ANDREW HANSEN:**

Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight. I have been a Pastor here for 20 years. On a weekly basis, I offer advice to Junior High, High School and College age students not only through the Church but on the street and through other activities as well. The issue of legalizing marijuana in the City of Kankakee has been heavy on my heart. As a person of faith I have spent time in prayer. I want to read a scripture. As a Pastor the word of God is important to me not only in the way I live but also how I make my decisions. 1Corinthians 10:23-25 talks about the freedoms that they have. So, they were saying: I have the right to do anything," you say but not everything is beneficial. I have the right to do anything but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others". As a person who works with young people, I do not believe that legalizing the sale of marijuana is either good or constructive or beneficial. Recently, I began to working with a young man who is a recovering drug addict. Sad to say but he relapsed. As we were talking that and how he can make better decisions, we began to talk about how he got into using drugs in the first place. The first thing he started using is marijuana at a very young age.

I'm sure if he could go back in time he would make a different decision. Some of you might think that is not exactly what we are talking about. We are talking about doing something that will create tax dollars that would be a benefit to Kankakee. I work with young people all the time and I don't encourage them to make-a-decision based on numbers and finances. I ask them to be honest, humble and hardworking. I ask them to make decision they wont regret in the future. I would not want our City to make-a-decision then like this young man kook back and say, I wish we would have decided something different. Something constructive, something that was beneficial or something that was good for the whole City.

**ROSALINDA CHAVEZ:**

I am a Sophmore at BBCHS. I am a part of the Youth Advisory Council along with other programs in Kankakee. I want to speak on the impact of marijuana....1- 4 twelfth graders that tried marijuana. What is it were you child? The Illinois Youth Survey asked...How many people do you think risk harming themselves if they smoke marijuana twice per week? 56 percent shows and answer of no or a slight risk. Many young people think that marijuana is not that dangerous. Do we really want to send a message that says it is not dangerous? Recent study found shows that the impact of smoking cannabis in teens shows lack of thinking cells, membrane and behavior is worse than alcohol. Drinking alcohol and smoking weed is known to call problems such as learning, attention, decision making and academic performance. This study shows that this will increase as using cannabis increases and is long lasting...Our teachers and Legislatures shouldn't be thinking that marijuana is not okay to use. We are here today as student leaders who care about the impact on our family and friends...Legislation only applies to those over 21. Commercial marijuana leads to a lot of marijuana related school offense. In Anchorage Alaska school suspension for marijuana increased over 141 percent marijuana...1 out of 11 adults will become addicted...

**CASEY APPLETON:**

I am a Senior Social Work Student at ONU. As a future Social Worker, I am concerned about the commercialization and retail of marijuana on my future clients. Cannabis is an addictive substance. 1 out of 6 teens that use it will become addicted. This movement is being funded by addiction prophetier's who are targeting youth. With more access there will be more use with less

access there will be less use. Over the past years there has been a 42 percent increase in marijuana use...most communities will choose to opt out...the American Pediatrics...NAACP...Chiefs of Police... we can send a message. Put people over profits...

**TOM BRANS:**

I have a letter from Pastor Claudius Anderson of the House of Prayer Apostolic Church. He could not attend tonight. My wife and I enjoy living and ministering in Kankakee for 36 years. We raised two sons...with the help of good teachers and administrators they played sports, marching band...robotics and many other opportunities all while obtaining an education. My oldest has his Bachelors Degree at the University of Illinois and Masters Degree at Georgia Tech. Our youngest son a Bachelors in...Engineering at Northern University. Small towns are known by the stories that are told. I like telling this story but not the one about Kankakee...Cannabis. I the medical benefits are so great, let it be dispensed in a controlled...marijuana and crime are highly related. Medical marijuana is usually dispensed by storefront dispensaries...it is not monitored by physicians. In other states, store front dispensaries have become magnets for crime, drug dealing, sales to minors, heavy traffic, increased noise, robberies to customers near the facilities and the loss of local businesses that do not want to be located near dispensaries. According to statistics, Denver reported 7000 crimes in 1000 feet of dispensaries in the first six months. Employees that test positive have a 55 percent more ...and 85 percent injuries than non-users, 70 percent of absenteeism than non-users...increase insurance rates for employers and... adolescents are at a higher risk of using because drugs are more accessible...Youth in disadvantage neighborhoods are at a higher risk...marijuana should not be accessible...this is of the story want to tell my grandkids. As for myself...as a husband and a father I ask that you don't vote in favor of cannabis. The use of cannabis and guns go hand in hand.

**ALBRENN VALDEREZ:**

...On behalf of the youth, I have witnessed going down the drain from 10 to 25 years of age...I have a friend \$10.00 and he came back with weed in his hand. If its already this bad, I can't imagine when... In August...Bishop Mac...three Freshman asked for a ride to the gas station, they asked me to buy them 3 swishers. I asked them why...hey said because they want to have fun...I told them

they are harming themselves by smoking. Please vote for safety and for the youth.

**DR. BRANDON MYERS:**

Thank you for letting me speak tonight. I want to stay on the same topic. I come to you with my 24 years in Law Enforcement...foundation my wife and I started 3 years ago. Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> would have been our son's 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. December 10<sup>th</sup> will be 3 years when he decided to end his life. We are aware that his decision was due to the mental health struggles he had and a big part is due to his marijuana addiction as a result of self-medication. Mental Health affects 1 out of every 4 people. 25 percent are dealing with mental health issues. There is not a person in this room that is not touched in some way by someone dealing with mental health issues. People who self-medicate are 60-80 percent more likely to end their own life after using drugs or alcohol. The state of Colorado announced that they raised 6 billion dollars off of their sales of marijuana but they don't talk about the bad facts that are occurring there such as the 300 percent increase in homelessness, 178 percent increase in crime or the increase of DUI's. They just talk about the money. They don't talk about the 400,000.00 Emergency Room visits each year brought on by marijuana use. These things aren't in the media or newspaper because it goes against the message they are trying to send that marijuana is harmless. Each of you have been brought here; elected, to guide your community and make decisions on what's best for your community. Raising revenue is always a good thing. Every community needs it but are we going to do it on the backs of our people. Are we going to raise revenue while harming our community and putting people at risk; increasing death and suicide along with it. In 2 weeks all of you will make a decision whether this is the right way to go for your community. I hope you have all the information to make the proper decision. Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Moving on to Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:**

**PRESENT:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall  
Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Present (0) Absent

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Department Heads.

**CLERK DUMAS:**

**PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, Norwell, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Hoffman, Ellexson, Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I should make a note that Mike McGrath had a Deposition tonight for a matter unrelated to the City of Kankakee. Standing in for him tonight is Mary Lou Norwell. Thank you for being here tonight.

### **MINUTES**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to the minutes for Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD OSENGA:** So move.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Are there any edits or corrections?

**TRANSCRIPTIONIST:** There were two minor spelling corrections made.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Let the record show that the Minutes for Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 have minor corrections made. All in favor, aye?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign? Minutes are approved. Moving on to the minutes for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD OSENGA:** So move

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Are there any edits or corrections? Hearing None. All in favor, aye?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign? The minutes for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 are approved. Moving on to Petitions.



## PETITIONS

**ITEM 7A:** Minutes of the Planning Board – Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
(*Informational Only*).

**ITEM 7B:** PB 2019-4-2 Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the  
City of Kankakee, Illinois – 869 West Jeffrey Street  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).

**MIKE HOFFMAN:** Annexing property...North West corner of Eighth and  
Jeffery. The property owner has requested an annexation  
and to be zoned C-1 which is item 7C on the agenda.  
Normally when property comes in they are zoned R-1 but  
they requested to be C-1 which is consistent with what the  
plan shows. The reason we included this in the May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Planning meeting was because we held a public hearing to  
inform the community. The Planning Board voted 3 to 3 a  
tied vote. The concerns have been addressed which is one  
of the reasons it has been since May. The concerns consist  
of a small area to be included, proposed use of the corner  
property for Dollar General with access off of Eighth. We  
took it to the Economic Development Committee who  
would not support it unless the access was switched to  
Jeffrey. The applicant revised their sketches, met with  
IDOT to confirm if it would work and they are back tonight  
to annex the property, zone it and for the annex agreement  
which is 13B. They will have to submit a platt...property  
well-kept and maintained, proposed building elevations of  
the property including the materials that will be used for the  
Dollar General...I received a call from Alderman Faford  
expressing concerns about dead trees along the property. I  
have contacted the applicant and they are willing to add a  
conditional use and remove the dead trees. They will come  
back to us with a site plan and we will address landscaping  
to ensure proper buffing as well as reasonable engineering  
issues at that site.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere  
with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD FAFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by  
Alderman Faford. Roll Call...



**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD FAFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 7C.

**ITEM 7C:** PB 2019-4-2 Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment to Classify Newly Annexed Territory as C-1 in the City of Kankakee, Illinois – 869 West Jeffrey  
(1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD FAFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD FAFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 8A Communications.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**ITEM 8A:** Presentation by the Fraternal Order of Police to Fortitude Community Outreach.

**CHIEF KOSMAN:** I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of the Fraternal Order of Police donation to Fortitude Community Outreach which handles the PADS program in Kankakee County. The guidelines of the Police Department is to not have beards. Guidelines can be broken if good reason. Sargent...requested a fund-raising program if I would relax the rules and changed the policy as it relates to beards and allow them to grow beards and there would be a \$50 donation per officer.

**POLICE SARGENT:** We are presenting a check for \$1200.00 that's what we raised for the month.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** We have no Standing Committee Reports. Moving on to Item 10A Reports of Officers.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**ALD FAFORD:** I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$855,667.04.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion?

**ALD OSENGA:** Yes Mayor, check #75760 for Joe's Automotive for \$7,011.00 and one other repair shop in Kankakee got some business for the month which is Route 17 Auto and they got \$15.00 worth of business while Joe's got \$7,011.00 and no other shop got any business at all. I would like to encourage spreading the wealth. Give business to some of the other business they all pay taxes in our city. It would be nice if other shops got some of this business.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I believe all those repairs are from the police department, correct? That is noted and I agree.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** I just want to second what Alderman Osenga said. I also wrote a not about the check for \$7,011.03 and practically no other shops got any business in the city.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Check number 2965 for Enterprise ...?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** That is for the Mayor's...and a CDA vehicle...for three vehicles total.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** Correct.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** We have a motion and a second. Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall (*abstain on checks# 2959, 1150 and 750*), Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Tall, Crawford  
(12) Ayes (2) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 10B Community Development Agency Bills. May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD SWANSON:** I make a motion to pay the CDA Bills totaling \$158,018.04

**ALD FAFORD:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Tall, Crawford

(12) Ayes (2) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. We have no Unfinished Business.  
Moving on to Item 12A New Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 12A:** Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Section 4-13 of the City Code of the City of Kankakee by adding Liquor License Number 56 at the Location of 986 West Station Street (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** This is the former Mike's Corner Shell. When they originally submitted the application, the Manager did not reside in Kankakee. They have since hired Mr. Duffy and he does reside in Kankakee. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD CRAWFORD:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Crawford and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD OSENGA:** So move.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any discussion?

**ALD BROWN:** What is the standard for Liquor License for Gas Stations?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** What's the standard?

**ALD BROWN:** Yes.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** What do you mean?

**ALD BROWN:** Is there a standard for a gas station to get a Liquor License?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** According to our Ordinance, no. They just brought in what their plans were and Burt is working on our Liquor License Ordinance now because it needs to be amended...they are expanding food. Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12B.

**ITEM 12B:** Ordinance Amending the Social Media Policy for the City of Kankakee (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MARY LOU:** I would like to begin by thanking Alderman Tall and the members of the Ordinance Committee. I also would like to thank the members: Jasmyne Humble, Wade LeBeau and Kris Schmitz. We have been working on this for months. We attended the IML Conference which had a presentation on Social Media and the changes with the last year. We just passed a Social Media Ordinance in October 2018. When we look at it and the practices of Kankakee along with the information from IML we began to amend it. The first thing we looked at how many Social Media sites the City of Kankakee has. The City itself has multiple social media and now the Ring App. Who knows what the City will have in the future. Other City Departments have their own websites and/or Facebook pages. IML recommended is that there be one primary site with one primary administrator. All departments will be represented on the primary site. We created a Technical Services Team. All postings will go through the City Technical Services Team. IML also recommended that we have the policy posted on the website...providing greater transparency. We developed standards and make sure that all users are aware and maintained by the City. We had a privacy policy but we did not have a dissemination policy. Going forward we made sure that all our information is posted on those sites. We also needed to establish a record retention of all postings on our sites and Freedom of Information Acts.

We did amend the policy we have to ensure these protections were included in the policy. We are also amending the Employee use of Social Media by posting it in our Employee Handbook.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD TALL:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD TALL:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Roll Call

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12C

**ITEM 12C:** Ordinance declaring certain property surplus of the City Clerk's Office – and authorizing the sale thereof  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD TETTER:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD TETTER:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Marshall. Any discussion? Roll Call

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12D

**ITEM 12D:** Authorization of Agreement Amendment #2, and Extension of the Existing Agreement between the City of Kankakee and Teska Associates Inc., for the Provision of City Planning and Zoning Support/Consulting.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Our current agreement expires at the end of the year. We are on a month to month basis. May I have a motion to approve Agreement Amendment and Extension?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD COBBS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion?

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Still month to month?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Yes. Any other discussion? Roll Call



**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12E

**ITEM 12E:** Recommendation to accept Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds from Piggush Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$51,911.42 for Bridge Inspections on Fifth Avenue, Brookmont Boulevard and Station Street.

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** The City is required to do routine inspections on bridges every two years. Also, we are required to do in depth inspection on bridges with structural support in water waves every 5 years. We found that Station Street has not had an in-depth inspection done in recent history that we could find.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the recommendation?

**ALD LEWIS:** So move.

**ALD PRUDE:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Any discussion?

**ALD OSENGA:** Can your group do the work?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** We can do the routines but we cannot do the in depth on Station Street. None of the Firms in the County are qualified to do the in-depth inspections.

**ALD OSENGA:** Were any other local Engineering firms allowed to Bid on this project?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** To Bid on which portion of it?

**ALD OSENGA:** *(inaudible)*

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** We gave a quote on the routine inspections because we are approved program managers. We are allowed to do bridge

inspections for the state. The in-depth inspections no of the local firms are qualified to do it.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** We you say in depth you are talking about the one submerged in water?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Station Street is the only one that requires the in-depth inspection every 5 years.

**ALD TETTER:** It's my understanding according to the City Engineer, in the past, the bridge inspections have not been conducted. Is that correct?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Not 100 percent. The routine inspections have been done. The in-depth inspection on the Station Street bridge we cannot find any records.

**ALD TETTER:** Lastly, how far back did you go?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** How far did I ask? We just asked if they have a record of one and they did not. The routine inspections have been done...that could cause structural issues.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Bridge inspections are every 3 years?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Every 2 years for any structure that expands 20 feet into the water way.

**ALD TALL:** I just want to ask a question about Brookmont Boulevard. Is that the viaduct?

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** That is actually the bridge to the East of Soldier Creek.

**ALD CURTIS:** Will your firm be doing the bridges the two smaller ones...

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Correct.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other questions? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**ABSTAIN:** Gall  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Motions and Resolutions.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ITEM 13A:** Resolution Amending the 2019 City of Kankakee Employee Handbook Re: Section: Internet/Email/Social Media.

**JAMES ELLEXSON:** As Mary Lou stated with the Ordinance amending the Social Media Policy we also have...in the Handbook...it also beefed up the harassment aspects that weren't in there before. Kind of update it a little bit more and again with Social Media, I am sure we will have more. This was a routine update for our employees. All employees will be given a policy if approved here tonight within the next month.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

**ALD TALL:** So move Mayor.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Roll Call

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13B.

**ITEM 13B:** Resolution Adopting an Annexation Agreement between the City of Kankakee, Richard Faber (Owner) and Kankakee DG, LLC (Developer) for the Property Commonly known as 869 West Jeffery Street.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move Mayor.

**ALD FAFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussion? Roll Call

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13C.

**ITEM 13C:** Resolution Authorizing a Municipal Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$640,345.40 (Paid Over 5 Years) between Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Lessor) and the City of Kankakee (Lessee) for Purchase of Motorola Radio Communication Equipment  
*(Exhibit A will be distributed Monday).*

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** This Item has been pulled off. Elizabeth does not have the attachment. Moving on to Item 13D.

**ITEM 13D:** Supplemental Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code for Bridge Inspections on Fifth Avenue, Brookmont Boulevard and Station Street.

**NIEL PIGGUSH:** This is just the corresponding resolution authorizing the use of MFT Funds that you just passed.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

**ALD LEWIS:** So move Mayor.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion? Roll Call

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**ABSTAIN:** Gall  
(13) Ayes (1) Abstention (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. There is no need for Executive Session. Moving on to Item 16.

#### **ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS**

**ALD TETTER:** *(inaudible)*...if that is being...I don't see how we can

cherry pick and decide what business...We have a right to participate in any business sanctioned by the state and I want to make sure that is place on the record. This should not prevent any of us from participating...I think it is an insult as it relates to social economics pertaining to the cannabis bill.

**ALD OBRIEN:**

Addressing the same topic, I also have an item I want to include on the record. I am one of the Aldermen...the Alderman that Alderman Tetter is referred to regarding the ethics concerns...I reached out to our Attorney and he suggest that we have ethics language in our cannabis ordinance we are considering. At the time I believe State of Illinois regarding cannabis prohibited members of the general assembly who passed the original cannabis legislation would be subject to a lifetime ban is my understanding. I don't know if that is still the case but I think it is important that... We have ethics language in our ordinance what ever it is. The State law I think we should mirror and adopt in our City ordinance. I think that is the main thing to adhere and math whatever the State requirement is.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTONG:** Any other Alderman Comments? We will move on to Department heads.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

**STEVE BERTRAND:**

This Thursday Lion Wreathing and Lighting at the Depot starts at 5:30 P. M. Then a week from this Saturday, will be our Winter Market on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. ... you can go to local business on Schuyler Avenue and get discounts during that period... always free.

**JAMES ELLEXSON:**

Anyone that has questions on Carl Randle's Comments, feel free to contact me. We had a Wreath decorating contest...they will be up another week. Tomorrow you will get another email about a silent auction...then auctioned off. All proceeds will go to Fortitude. It will all be on line. The Police Department won 1<sup>st</sup> place, Fire 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Library won 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**CHIEF KOSMAN:**

Val put together our wreath she did a fine job and I would like to congratulate her. Graduation for Hispanic Citizen Academy at 6:00 P.M. in the Public Safety Building.

**JASMYNE HUMBLE:**

Thank you to the Ordinance Committee we are moving forward. We will have Christmas...in the Chambers...(inaudible)

**NEIL PIGGUSH:**

The lights for the Streetscape will be delivered and that should take a week or so depending on weather. Safe Route to School Plan was submitted to IDOT. We are going to meet with the School District to review...see how improvements are and give feedback and incorporate comments...It looks like we will be bidding this out in March instead of January. We are still shooting for a completion day around school start next summer. The OSLAD Grant we have for the Riverfront on the East River walk we have completed all the environmental items and appraisals have been submitted to IDNR she said it should only take 3 months. We started the survey between Seventh and Eighth Avenue.

**PETE SCHIEL:**

45/52... Spoke with contractor he has fulfilled the Obligation. The project is complete and all surveying is complete.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:**

The Budget meeting is at 5:30 P.M...  
Levy.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:**

Steve thank you for correcting the time of the Lion Wreathing. Neil and Pete, I met with Amerigreens and discussed cost. More information will be provided when complete the surveying process...reach out to Linh. The meeting with the Senator is tomorrow. Thank you Alderman Tall and the Ordinance Committee...it was a 3 to 3 vote and I will defer to Economic Development Committee. December 16<sup>th</sup> will be a full meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to adjourn?

**ALD COBBS:**

So move.

**ALD PRUDE:**

Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Cobbs. Seconded by Alderman Prude. All in favor aye?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.